THE Path-way to pleaſe GOD.

which way whomſoeuer walketh, eſpecially in the time of anie worldly afflictiõ, ſhalbe defended againſt all temptations.

Thy word O Lord, is a lanterne to my feet, & a light vnto my paths.

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The Path-way to *pleaſe God.*

A godly Prayer.

O Almightie God, and Heauenly father, direct our ſteps in thy word, and leade vs into the Path of thy commandements, for thou art the GOD of our ſaluation: ſo, wee loue the habitation of thy houſe, & greatly do wee delight in the Companie of ſuch as feare thee: therefore will

we worship and fall down and kneele before thee, O Lord our Maker, for wee are the people of thy Pasture, and the sheepe of thy handes: O God heare vs in the truth of thy saluation, Amen.

Godly prayers to be saide at all times.

For the morning.

O Heauenly Father, I giue thee most hartie thankes,

thankes, laud, and praise, for a number of thy blessings bestowed vpon mee: and amongst the rest, this is not the least, that thou hast not only preserud me from my youth vp hitherto from mine enemies and aduersaries in this world but for that also thou hast defended and kept me this night past, from all perils and dangers of the same, and hast giuen mee quiet rest and sleepe, and hast

safely brought mee to the beginning of this day. I beseech thee of thy abundant mercy and kindnes, so to direct and gouern me in this day, and euer with thy holy spirit, that all my thoughts, words, & deeds may only be in thy seruice faith, feare, & loue, to the glory of thy holye Name, Amen

For

to pleaſe God.

For mercy and grace.

HAue mercy on mee, O Lord, remember not my faults which deſerue no fauor at thy hands, nor any part of theſe thy benefits: but mitigate thy anger, which I haue deſerued. Beſtow thy grace on me, & let thy holy Spirite euermore abide with mee, & ſo ſerue thee in holineſſe and righteouſnes of Life,

to the honor and glorie of thy holy name, amen.

From all perils and dangers.

ONely in thee, O mer=cifull Lorde, lyeth all power and might, to de=fend me from all perrilles & dangers of this worlde, and in my selfe is all disa=bilitie to doe any thinge which may please thee, so that I am altogether sub iect to the Worlde by the

flesh, wherin I was crea=
ted, & to all other thinges
else, which may draw mee
from thee, if thou in mercy
doe not defend mee, that
neither Sathan, sinne, hel,
nor death haue the domi=
nion & vpper hand of mee.
Endue my heart, O Lord
with the true vnderstan=
ding of thy holye worde,
that I may be redy man=
fully to fight vnder the
standart of thy deare son
Jesus Christ, to whome

with thee & the holy ghost be praise now and for e= uer, Amen.

To withstand all temp= tations.

MAke mee able O heauenly father, through thy power, to with-stand all temptations, whereby I may bee drawne from thee, and ouer-throwe all those thine enemies, who are too strong for me, and to

to whom through ſin and fleſh, I am become thral. So ſhall I O Lord be a=ble to liue in the world, & yeelde thee praiſe, worlde without end.

At our vp=riſing.

O Lord GOD and hea=uenly Father I hum=bly beſeech thee, that this my vp=riſing, thou wilt vouchſafe to looke vppon me, and bleſſe me ſo boun tifuly with thy grace that

I may spend this day, & the rest of my life in thy Seruice, that all my trauailes and endeuors may please thee, and that I do not in anie thing swarue or fall from thee, we most humblie beseech thee that thine eyes may attend vpon vs, daily defend vs in sorrow. succour vs, cherish, comfort, and gouern all our Counsels, studies and labours, in such wise, that we may so spend this

day,

day, according to thy most blessed will, without hurting of our neighbor, that wee may diligently & warily auoide all things that should displease thee, vnto the praise of thy most holy name, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

To the glorious and blessed Trinity.

Saue mee, O Father, my Creator, through thy power

power, O God the sonne haue pity vpon mee, and bee thou mine aduocate to intreate for mee. O holie Ghost, I humibly beseech thee to remaine with me, and gouerne me. O blessed and glorious trinity, three persons, and one GOD, strengthen mee, & comfort me, and defend me for euer more, amen.

Prouerbs chap. 21

WOnderfull are thy works O Lord God thine

thine Omnipotency moſt meruailous, thy wiſdome moſt inſearchable, thy power more then any Creature can cõprehend. Ther is (O Lord) no power in earth that may contend or ſtriue againſt thee, or is able to abide the leſt ſtroke of thy mighty hand. If in thy power thou Correcte our Juſt deſeruings: no wiſedome, no Counſaile, nor policie may preuayle againſt thee, O Lord.

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Therefore, O God, I am affraide of thy displeasure and my soule doeth tremble to think vpon my manifolde sinnes and iniquities: and contrarywise, mine assured hope, trust, and confidence in thee. do thoroughly perswade mee of thy goodnesse and mercie, and doe (as it were) conuert that feare, which I haue of thy displeasure, in respect of my sinnes, into loue, honor, and obedience

ence of thee, in reſpect of all thy manifold beneuolences, which I haue receiued at thy moſt bountifull hands, thorough thy deere ſonne Ieſus Chriſt our Lord, Amen.

That we may forſake the worlde, and the vanities thereof.

LEt mee not (O mercifull Lord and heauenly Father) fall from thee to fal vnto the world, and

the vanities thereof.

Let not thy Grace nor feare fall from mee, least mine enemies catch me in their snares. Let mee not through the allurement of the world be drawn from thee, and from the care of thee, lest I forget to loue, honor and obey thee as I ought. To the glory of thy most holy name, through thy deere son Jesus christ our Lord, Amen.

A prayer to God for for giueneſſe of ſinnes and ofFences.

O Lorde, of thine infinite Mercy, haue compaſſion vpon me. Lay not to my charge, my former ofFences, but to graunt (as thou haſt hitherto vouchſafed) to defend and preſerue me through thy power, ſo likewiſe I humbly beſeech thee (my Lord and

and Redeemer) euermore hereafter to keepe me safe in thy protection, against all perils and daungers of this world.

For in thee (O louing father) is all my hope. In thee is my sure trust and confidence, in thee alone resteth all my comfort. ioy blisse, happinesse, and felicity of the world to come. So be it.

to pleaſe God.

¶ A prayer declaring the Omnipotent power of God, and the miſerable eſtate of man.

O God, whoſe mercy is moſt manifold, whoſe goodnes is moſt excellent: whoſe power is omnipotent, and whoſe fauour is more then any Creature can deſerue: and contrariwiſe, man a manifold ſinner, excelling al creatures

in naughtines, most weak and yet striuing agaynst thy power, most sinneful, and yet instead of craueing thy fauour, for pardon of our sins, a thousād wayes deseruing thy heauie displeasure

These thinges considered with my selfe (my louing sauiour) make me (ah vile wretched sinner) almost in dekpaire, & desperate of Mercy, but thy sweete and louing promises

ſes do encourage me with aſſured hope and vndoubted Faith, that at what time ſoeuer I, euen I, a moſt wretched and abhominable ſinner, ſhall from my heart heartily, and not with Wordes alone outwardly, crie vnto thee for mercie, remiſſion of my ſinnes, and Fauour: that then euen at that inſtant, thou wilt haue compaſſion vppon mee, and pardon and releaſe mee of all

my ſinnes and iniquities. To thee therfore O Lord God, with moſt humble and harty Repentance I cry for mercy for my ſins paſt, and beſeech thee of thy grace and holy Spirit to gouerne me euer hereafter, and truely to guide mee in all truth and righteouſneſſe, and in the perfect knowledge of thee, & thy holy lawes, ſo long as I ſhall heere continue in this vale of miſery, euē for

thy

thy deerely beloued sonne Christ his sake: So in most assured hope & faithfull trust to thy mercies, cleauing vnto thy promises laying my heauie burden vpon thy most mightie shoulders, and prostrating my selfe before thy heauenly throne, from the very bottome of my hart, I cry vnto thee, saying: O our Father which arte in heauen.

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A praier for grace, wherein is declared the weakenesse of man.

ALmighty, eternall, and euerlasting God, grant that thy holy Spirit may alwaies remaine in our hearts, and that through the inspiration of thy most Heauenly grace, we may euer-more performe the effects of thy holy Lawes, and liue according to thy blessed

to pleaſe God
bleſſed commandements.
And although man is al=
wayes more prone & rea=
die to tranſgreſſe agaynſt
all thy precepts generally
then any thing at all able
to performe the leaſt iotte
of thy Diuine pleaſure:
yet O moſt mercifull lord
GOD, of thy great and
tender Mercie, graunt vs
grace and willing mindes
and obedient hearts, dili=
gently to reade thy Holye
Scriptures for our lear=
ning,

ning and so to follow thē in our liuing, that fruites thereof may spring out to thy glory, and to the profit of our Neighbors. Alwayes confessing and affirming with the holy Apostle, that when we haue done al that wee can doe, yet then wee are vnprofitable seruants:

Graunt vs thus thy grace, O louing GOD, that wee may liue in thy feare,

feare, and leaue this tran sitory life in thy fauour: and after this life remaine with thee in thy heauenly habitation, amongest thy blessed Angelles, singing to thee with heauenly me= lody: O holy, holy. holye, Lord God of Sabbath.

To whom be all laude, praise and thankes, for e= uermore, Amen.

A prayer to our Sauiour Christ, for remission of sins.

O Christ my Redeemer, & only sauiour, vouchsafe of thy great clemency to haue regarde vnto mee whom thou hast redæmd, who am nowe most miserably wrapt in so vnmeasurable a number of greeuous sins as nothing may ridde me from the heauie wrath of my heauenly father, due for my deserts, vnlesse thou bee mine aduocate and Peace-maker for

to pleaſe God
for me. And I doe knowe
aſſuredly, that the Holie
Spirite, ſent from my
heauenly father thorough
thy mediation, and being
thorough his bountifull
goodneſſe poured into my
ſinfull heart, is the onelie
and cheefe medicine ſalue
and precious Oile, which
cureth and comforteth my
wounded Conſcience and
wretched ſoule.

Haue mercie vppon me
O Chriſt, and now be=
holde

holde with thy glorious eyes, the sorrowes and hearty greefes wherewith I am oppressed: and as I am of a vile peece of earth made and constituted, to the likenesse and shape of thine owne image, & thou hast also breathed life into me, & endued mee with reason. So likewise, I humbly beseech thee, to shewe thy louing countenance vnto mee, to grant that thy grace may euer=

more remaine with me, to pardon and releaſe me of all my ſins and iniquities, and whē thy good will and pleaſure is to diſſolue this fleſh in me, and to take me out of this miſerable life to thy mercie. And in the meane time, graunt vnto mee the perfect gift of patience and humbleneſſe of heart meekly to beare and ſuffer all thoſe thy croſſes and afflictions of bodye & mind, whete-with it hath

pleased thee in mercy thus louingly to visit me.

Strengthen me O my Sauiour, that I despaire not, and weaken the force of my ghostly enemie that hee haue no power to subdue my soule by any manner of temptation so shall my tongue, hart and soule with full consent, yeelde laude and prayses to the high and glorious maiesty of thy heauenly father and to thee mine only sauiour

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to pleaſe God
with the holy Ghoſt, with
full aſſured truſt, by thine
oncly merites and bloud=
ſhedding O chriſt, to haue
full remiſſion of my ſins:
and ſo finally to obtaine a
reſting place in thy heauē=
ly habitation, for euer and
euer, world without end.
So be it.

Other prayers for remis=sion of sinnes, and remedie against temptations.

TO thee, O heauenly fa=ther, king of all kings, and most mighty Creator & Gouernour of all thin=ges: I thy most wretched creature, presume with al humblenesse of heart, to make my complaints vn=to thee.

Hearken, O God, to the pray=

prayers which my sinfull soule doeth poure out before thy Diuine maiestie, with assured confidence to be releeued at thy merciful hands. Out of thine heauenly throne, and Glorious habitation, vouchsafe to behold the greeuous afflictions of mee thy poore & wretched seruant.

Make me strong by thy mightie Power, to withstand al temptations and assaults of all mine Ene-

mies both bodily & ghost=
ly, least they preuaile a-
gainst mee, and ouercome
mee.

Assist me alwaies with
thy grace, and renue in me
an humble spirit and wil=
ling mind, to performe my
duty towards thee and my
neighbour. Increase in me
true contrition of hart, to
confesse, bewail, & lament
my sinnes past, and grant
me grace to amend my life
hereafter, and persist onlie

in

in thoſe thinges which may pleaſe thee and be acceptable before thee.

Strengthen mee good Lord with thy power and giant perfect patience and meekines vnto mee, humbly and wilingly without grudging, to ſuffer and obey thy louing corrections ſith with my heart I doe acknowledge my ſelfe to haue deſerued much greater punifhments, if thou ſhouldeſt deale with mee

according to mine offences: wherein (O Lorde) vouchsafe to spare mee, & grant vnto me thy fauour and louing countenaunce for thy deere sonne Iesus Christ his sake. Inwhom with thee, and the holye Ghost, resteth my true, perfect, and onely saluation, which from my hart I confesse, saying, I beleeue in God, &c.

Waken mee, O my louing father, from my slug-

gish

gish sleeping in sin, lighten my hart with thy heauenlie grace and shew thy bountiful mercie toward mee. Aswage the rigour of thy heauie displeasure whiche I haue deserued. Giue me diligence to hear and receiue thy holy word and let the same take such deepe root in my hart that I may truely learne to know thee, and be diligent and carefull in dooing my duties towards thee daily

endeauouring my selfe to leade this my mortall life according to thy Godlye & holy precepts.

Lorde, let not any vile temptation, worldlie desire, or fleshly lust prevaile against me, nor be of force to draw my mind, hart, or Soule from thee. Let not my sinnes further increase which are alreadie so innumerable, that I feare thy wrath and heauy displeasure. Neuertheless,

with

ſwich the holy prophet, I truſt and confeſſe, ſaying: In thee O Lorde GOD doe I put my truſt let me not be confounded. Saue thou my ſoule ſwhich putteth her truſt in thee. Receiue the ſame, O Lorde, into thy merciful tuition.

Bee thou, O God, my readie helpe and comfort, ſwhē any temptation doth aſſayle mee, and ſuffer me not to be tempted beyond my power, but ſhewe thy lo=

louing countenance vnto me, now and euer: Amen.

A praier declaring the vnthankfulnesse of man, for the manifolde benefites of our heauenly Father.

O Eternall and omnipotent GOD, who doth rule and gouern al things by thy power, to whome all creatures in the world as wel man in what state

or degree ſoeuer thou of thy goodnes haſt conſtituted or placed him, or alſo all Beaſts of thy field, Fiſhes of the ſea, and fowles of the ayre are ſubiect.
Which creatures thou by thy diuine wiſdome, haſt not onely created in his kind but alſo haſt limited and appointed vnto euerie one of them, a certaine knowledge & order, whereby each Creature in his kind doth obey thee. Sa-

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uing man, to whom thou haſt beene moſt beneficiall whome thou haſt endued with Reaſon, diſcretion, & Wiſedome, beſides a number of thy heauenly bleſſings, and haſt alſo placed him in this world as chiefe aboue all other creatures, and haſt ordained and appointed all Fowles of the Ayre, fiſhes of the ſea, and fruites, and beaſtes of the earth, for his ſuſtenance & neceſſity.

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to please God.

Notwithstanding, O most gracious and louing Father, we are altogether vnthankfull for thy great and manifolde giftes, so largely, plentifully, and abundantly bestowed vpon vs. and careles of our duties towards thee. not regarding thy goodnesse and Louing fauour, as wee ought, but abusing & misvsing those good Vertues and gifts which thou hast bestowed vpon vs, nether vsing

bsing Wisedome Reason, nor Discretion. or any o= ther endeauor to such pur- pose, as may tende to the performance of thy godlye pleasure, but contrariwise in all our doings, actions trade of life, and vngodly thoughtes, we daily and howrly commit most ab= hominable and heynous offences, & transgressions against thy diuine Maie= stie, whereby we prouoke thy Wrath and greeuous dis=

diſpleaſure againſt vs, for our iuſt punniſhmentes, which woorthily ſhoulde fall vppon vs: were not thy manifolde mercies aboue our infinit offences: and thy great loue toward vs, more then our deſeruing according to thy louing and fauorable kindnes, manifeſted vnto vs by thoſe moſt comfortable declarations of thy fauor towardes vs, affirming that thou wilte not the

death of a ſinner, but ra-
ther, that hee may returne
from his wickednesse and
line. Neuertheleſſe (O
moſt comfortable Saui-
our) ſuch is the frowarde
mind and vile condition of
Man, that he is alwayes
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and rebel againſt thee and
thy holye Lawes, then at
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reasonable submitting of himselfe vnto thy fatherly and louing corrections, knowing in our consciences how many wayes we daily doe offend thee, and how iustly we do deserue thy heauie wrath. Lorde God of thy louing mercie and accustomed clemency, and bountifull grace, take thy greeuous wrath from vs, correct vs not in thy heauy displesure, deal not with vs according to our

iniquities: spare vs good Lord, yea spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed Bee gracious and fauourable vnto vs.

Pull out of our hearts, minds and thoghts those Subtile slights, iniuring Duties, and vaine affections, which eyther the world through vanity, the deuil through policie, or the flesh through filthy desire haue rooted in vs, to the end, to draw vs away

from

from thee.

Receiue vs (O Lorde GOD) into thy fauour againe, renue the right ſpirite of grace in our hearts purge & cleanſe our ſoules from the moſt filthie and foule ſpots of pride, glutteny, enuy, fornication, drunkennes, and al other abhominable ſins, wherein we haue long wallowed, to the biter confuſion and damnation of our owne ſoules (if that thou

O Lord be not mercifull. Plant and ingraffe in vs all lowlineſſe, meekeneſſe, Obedience, loue, charitie, patience and al other gifts of vertue which may ſubdue and ouer-come vice in vs. This O Lord, we beſæch thee in mercie graunt vnto vs, for the Loue of our Lord and onely Sauiour Jeſus Chriſt. To whome with thee and the holy Ghoſt, be all praiſe. honour, and glory, amen.

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to please God.

An humble confession of sins.

I Most humblie beseeche thee, O Christ, the true and onely son of our heauenly Father, that for thy mercy sake thou wilt haue pitty and compassion vpon mee, that thou wilte with thy fauourable eyes behold the great affliction of minde, and harty greefe of me thy poore Seruant, whom

whom thou hast redeemd.
Vnto thee are all my sins
and offences knowne, and
I humblie confesse that it
is not in the power of anie
creture on earth or worke
of ante mans hande, that
the intercession nor praier
of anie S. Apostle, or an-
gell in heauen, that may
releeue mee or helpe mee:
But onelie thou, who by
thy precious blood-shed-
ding, hast purchased ful
redemption, and perfect
saluati-

nation for so many as do trust in thee and with vn=faigned heart, do confesse their sins vnto thee, & doe call vpon thee to intreate for mercy to our heauenly and almightie father.

Euen nowe therefore, O Christ my Redeemer, I doe confesse vnto thee my manifolde sinnes, and with my heart I am in=wardly sorry that I haue beene so vnthankefull for the sundrie & inumerable bene=

benefits which thorough thee I haue receyued of my Heauenly father. And it doeth greeue my wretched Soule, that I haue bene so negligent a Labourer in the Lords vineyard where is much plenty and great abundance of all good things, and so great store of pleasant and most sweet mirth: whereof we vnthankfull and disobedient creatures of al others most wretched, receiue the

whole

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whole increaſe and profit to the releeuing of our neceſſities.

All which notwithſtanding, ſo ſubiect vnto our weake and frayle fleſh, ſo led by the deſires and affections of the world, and ſo blinded with the ſubtle ſleights of our aduerſarie the deuill, that we do altogether fall from thee, and doe not in any wiſe ſeeke the Honour and Glorie of our Heauenly father: but

doe

do rather purchase to our selues, Death, and vtter Damnation, if thou, O Christ, of thy continuall Mercie, didst not intreat for the mittigation of the iust punnishment due for our offences.

Refuse not, O most gentle and louing Aduocate, mine humble suite which nowe I make vnto thee, for that I haue beene so longe a sluggish loyterer, carelesse seruant, and

and negligent wozkeman in the ſeruice of my Lozde God.

The remembrance wher= of my louing ſauiour, and the hozrible feare of his heauy diſpleſure do make mee to conſume my daies in ſozrow, and to abhozre this wzetched life, wherin man ſo many waies doth fall from thee. But euen foz thine owne agony and paſſion ſake, I beſeeche thee to intreate my Hea= uen=

ueniy father for me, to re=
leaſe and pardon my for=
mer negligence and wret=
ched, & careleſſe vnthank=
fulnes, and to forgiue my
great tranſgreſſions and
offences. Through which
I haue ſpent ſo long a
time without calling for
Grace. receiue my humble
Petitions, and heartie
ſubmiſſion accept my re=
pentance which my hart,
mind, and ſoule doe yeelde
vnto thee, and with per=
fect

fect consent & agreement do earnestly sue vnto thee for thy fauour and louing countenaunce: with assured hope that thou wilte intreat for me, and strengthen me, and that thorowe thee I may obtaine grace frō aboue, wherby I may euer hereafter truly serue my Lord God, and neuer fall from him againe.

Suffer thou not my mercifull Redeemer, that sathan and his wily Ministers

niſters and ſubtile ſpirits who according vnto their kinde, can craftily change themſelues into Angelles of light, bearing, or rather counterfeting the countenance of truth, & by their practiſes and ſundry temptations, are able to ouerthrow and deceiue ſo many, ouer whome thou giueſt them power to preuaile, and generally ouer all creatures, whoſe force is ouer-weake, if thy

grace

grace and holy Spirit (be not aſſiſtaunt, or rather a defendant) in the behalfe of vs miſerable wretches againſt the aſſaultes and allurements of ſo great & mighty aduerſaries.

Wherefore, O Chriſt, in thy might defende vs, keepe vs vnder thy protection, bee thou our continuall mediatour vnto our Heauenly Father, for vs his prodigall children, the ſtraying ſheepe from his

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lost groat: Bee thou our
aduocate, that he may re=
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ent and penitent childzen,
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gainst him, with most har
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on, O Christ, resteth in
thee, and our vtter and
euerlasting Damnation,
commeth thorough our
own manifold transgres=
sions, & nothing can helpe
vs,

vs, nor other remedie wee haue none but this, that it pleased our heauenly father to send thee to be our redeemer and Sauiour, euen so many as doe faithfully beleeue, through thy Death for vs to haue receiued full & free redemption and remission of sins. Such (O Christ) haue euerlasting life and shall not come vntodamnation but are escapt from death vnto life.

Wee thou therefore continually with vs in grace, faith, and hope: comforte vs in all distresse, affliction, and troubles: accept and receiue our lamentable and greeuous complaints for our sins past. Mollifie these our stonie hearts, that we may truly, hartily, and sincerelie cry vnto our heauenly father for mercy, & that we may serue him, with all our hearts, mindes, and strength,

ſtrength, and diligentlie ſearch the holy ſcriptures for in them we haue eter= nall life, and they are the teſtimonie and witneſſe bearers of our Heauenly Father.

Deny not O moſt deere Chriſte, thy mercie to vs penitent and ſorrowfull ſinners. Let vs that ſeke thy fauour, and heartily repent vs of our wicked liues find releaſe and for= gueneſſe at thy pittifull

hand. Open vnto vs, O Christ, euen vnto vs that ly earnestly knocke, with the heauie Teares of our hearts at the still & gentle gates of thy tender mercy those gracious gates frō which all Mercie doth a= bound, according to that heauenly and gladde pro= clamation, commanding vs to aske, and wee shall obtain mercy, to seek and wee shall finde fauour, to knock and it shall be ope=

ned

ned vnto vs: what, euen all aboundance of Grace, plentie of mercy & fauour fræ remission and forgiue nesse of sinnes: yea, and all ioy, blisse, and life euerla-sting: If we return from this worlde vnto thee, if wee leaue following the desires thereof, and cleaue vnto thee. thou art the only peacemaker betwixt vs and our Heauenly fa= ther. To whome with thee & the holy Ghost, bee

all praise, honor, and glorie, for euer, Amen.

A praier to bee said going to bed.

Thankes be giuen to thee O Lord God, for all thy mercies. Hallowed be thy name, for all thy wonderfull workes Vouchsafe this night to preserue me in thy safe custody as thou hast this day past defended me. Make me strong

through

thorough thee to vnder-
stand all maner of temp-
tations, illusions, dreams
and fantasies of the night
through the deceits wher-
of, a number of wretched
souls haue faln from thee.
Ah my Lorde God, I do
heartily beseech thee that
I may not onely receiue
quiet rest of body but that
my mind may also be qui-
et, and my soul safely pre-
serued from all perils and
dangers. Saue mee for

Christe his face, in thy blessed tuition and lighte in me the bright flames of thy grace. Wee miserable sinners, O Lord God, euen all the nūber of earthly creatures, haue no power of our selues to withstand the assaults & temptations of our bodilie and Ghostly aduersaries, but through thee.

Againe, such are the fierce temptations subtil baits, and crafty slights of

of our Enemies, that if thou bee not our defender our ſoules cannot eſcape the ſnares which day and night are laide to catch vs and bring our ſoules vnto confuſion. Louing father, all this thou knowſt, and doſt not wiſh the death of a ſinner, remember vs how weake wee are, and defend vs, ſithe in thee is all our truſt.

Let not our enemies by night or day preuayle a-

gainſt

gainſt vs, for if thou bee our keeper, no euill can ſubdue and ouercome vs, vnleſſe thou O Lord God doeſt permit and ſuffer it. Into thy handscommend I my Soule, beſeeching thee to receiue the ſame in to thy bleſſed tuition.

Shew vnto me thy louing Countenance, and make me thy true ſeruant Strengthen me in all good things that may make me able to ſerue thee. Let thy

peace

peace and grace remayne with me at all times: and that the loue of thy bleſſed ſonne Chriſt, ſhewed towardes all creatures, in redeeming vs, may euermoze continue towards vs, to the comfoꝛt of our ſouls: and let the comfoꝛtable fellowſhippe of thy holy ſpirite, diꝛect all my thoughtes and wezkes, aſſuring my Life in this vale of wꝛetchednes, that in my life I may ſerue

thee, and at my death glorify thee. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

A prayer to be said in the time of sickness.

Through the extremity of this thy gentle & louing correction, O Lord I am put in remembrãce of my grieuous sinnes, through which I haue fallne from thee, & I acknowledge to haue deserued more sharper

per scourge: But such is thy mercie to chastice me so gently for which I hartily thank thee, & am hartily sorrie that I haue so much displeased thee. Lord haue mercy vpon me, and regard mine humble submission, and reiect me not because I haue bene stubborne heretofore. In thee alone resteth al my hope, comfort & consolation, & I trust through our Lord Iesus Christ, thy deere sonne

son to haue remission and free pardon of all my sins and offences which are innumerable, and which do deserue great punnish=ment, if thou shouldest re=uenge in thy wrath, or deale with me according to my worldly actes: but I do firmely beleeue, that through the onely merits of christ, al my faults shal bee vtterly blotted out of thy sight at the day of thy general iudgment, & that my

my name ſhalbe regiſtred
in the booke of euerlaſting
life. Wittigate, O Lord
GOD thy heauie wrath
which I haue deſerued:
releaſe me of thoſe puniſh
ments, where=with thou
in mercy haſt proued me.
Euen as thy will is, (O
Lord) ſo let it be with me
vnto the end of this tran=
ſitory life.

This thy gentle chaſtiſe=
ment which we cal a gen-
tle correctiõ, by the which

we whom it hath pleased thee to visite, are touched with grief of the stomack, ache of the bones, & paine of the head, and generally in all other partes of the Bodye, is not a sufficient correction for vs.

I know O Lord God that in my selfe is not one good thought, or deed and that thereby, I thy miserable & wretched creature, haue iustly deserued death and damnation, both of bodie

and

and ſoule, were not thy Mercies aboue my innumerable iniquities: wherefore I do humblie ſue vnto thee for reliefe and comfort, in whome reſteth all health of Bodye in this worlde, and the ſaluation of the ſoul in the world to come: nothing doubting, but that it wil pleaſe thee to haue pity and compaſſion vpon me, & to reſtore vnto me my health again in this world. and that al-

wayes I may hereafter liue in thy feare, or that it wil please thee to dissolue this flesh in me, and when thy good pleasure is, take me out of this life, & giue mee a place with thee a= mong thy holy Angels.

A prayer for Grace and wisedome.

MOst mighty God, and mercifull father, pour into my hart thy heauenly grace

grace & Wiſedome. Com=
fort my ſinfull ſoule with
thy heauenly manna, mol
lifie my hard heart, with
the ſweete and pleaſant
Oyle of thy moſt holye
word. Suffer mee not, O
mercifull Lord to ſwerue
or ſlide from the wayes of
trueth, but graunt that by
helpe of thy holie Spirit
I may walke in the ſame
vnto my liues end, and let
not thy heauenly wiſdom
depart frō me at any time

during this life.

Accoꝛding to the mul-
titude of thy mercies, doe
away mine offence. Pꝛe=
ſerue mee from this my
youth and infancy, vnder
thy fauourable pꝛotectiõ.
Giue mee, O Loꝛde, that
grace that I may euen to
the graue continue a faith
full & manly ſoldier in de=
fence of thy trueth. & that
I may in al my life, daily
growe to the ripe perfecti=
on of godly wiſedom, and
truly

truely and iustly acknowledge thee my onely God that I may only fear and honour thee. That I may cleaue fast vnto thee: that I may trust only to thee. That I do not after the abhomination of any idolatrous people, worship stocks or stones. Neither let me, O Lord, hearken to any false Prophets, that teach their own imaginations, and not the word of God.

Now

Now vouchsafe O Lord God to heare mee, and let thy holy wisedom gouern mee, I know, O GOD that no creature can truly say, I haue done my duty in the seruice of the Lord: neither is it in the power of Man, who is so deeply subiect to sinne, to escape al these stumbling blocks which haue made our waies so dangerous and perillous, thorough those innumerable slightes and

practiſes, where=with ſathan our great enemie, through his malice & craft hath deuiſed to intrap our ſinfull ſoules, to our vtter deſtruction.

Lord of thy great mercy roote and pull out of my hart all the workes of ſa=than, namely, fornication Adulterie, vncleanneſſe, wantonneſſe pride, enuy, vnnaturall deſires, vn=pure thoughts, lewde be=hauiour, ydleneſſe, and al

other vicious and naughtie actions, which beeing followed according to the pleasures and deligts of the worlde in this Life, bring with them euerlasting Damnation of bodye and soule in the worlde to come.

Encrease in mee (O Lorde) such abundance of thy Grace, wisedome, and Heauenly Blessing, that thorough the operation of the same in mee, I

may

may prooue a true work=
man in thy haruest, such a
seruant as occupyeth his
Maisters Tallent vnto
gaine, a witnes that bea=
reth testimonie of Christ,
to all People, and at all
times, and in euerie place
continue constant in thy
trueth, during the whole
course of this my mortal
life.

In thy truth, O God
doe I delight, therefore
make mee perfect in that
same

same. In thee alone do I repose my whole trust and confidence saue me O god of all mercie, and defend me against my enemies.

Establish and confirme mee. O Lord, in faith towardes thee Keepe thou my lips, and gouerne my tongue. Suffer not my hart to purpose any thing that may displease thee: nor my tongue or lippes at any time to speak oght whereby I should pur-

chase

chase thy wrath.

Whosoeuer doth trust in thee, O God, shall vnderstand thy truth, & the faithfull shall haue rest in thy fauor, but the vngodly according to their own wicked thoughts shal find corruption. The soules of the iust are in the hāds of God and the force of death shall not touch them.

All wisedom commeth from the Lorde, and hath beene with him alwayes,

and

and is with him from the beginning The feare of the Lord doth expell sin, Lord of thy great mercie graunt me thy Heauenly wisedom, wherby I may truly learne to know thee rightly, and be diligent to performe all thy precepts effectually.

Lord leaue mee not in my yong daies, but let thy heauenly wisedome enter into my hart, & make thy habitation in my soule, so

shall

to please God
shall I liue in thy fauour,
and perseuer in thy lawes
through thy grace.

Let not them that trust
in thee, O Lord GOD of
hoastes bee ashamed: let
not those that seek thee be
confounded. O God heare
me in the truth of thy sal-
uation.

In thee alone, O hea-
uenly Father, are all good
things generally. & what
is not of thee is altogither
nought.

Re-

Replenish & blesse me, O Lord, with all good gifts: shewe thy louing countenance towardes mee, gouerne me by thy grace, cōtinue me in thy fauor, and protect and defēd me nowe and euermore, vnder the winges of thy manifolde mercies, so shall no vile temptation haue power to preuaile against me.

Such is the force of thy heauenly wisedome, O God, that whosoeuer obtai-

to please God,
taineth the same, and di-
recteth his life accordingly, shall prosper & see good dayes. O Lord GOD, vouchsafe to graunt these things vnto mee for thy sons Christ his sake, our onely Lord and saviour. Amen.

A godly praier for the preseruation of the Kings Maiesty.

GRant O lord God, vnto this little Realme of England, that our royall King James, may long liue raigne, and rule ouer vs: poure thy rich & plentifull gifts of thy heauenly wisedome and grace into his godly heart by the continuall operation whereof, he

to pleaſe God
he may euermoze frō hence
foozth as heeretofoze his
grace hath done, ozdaine &
eſtabliſh good & wholeſome
lawes, both foz the increaſe
maintenance and pzeſerua-
tion of the free paſſage of
thy holy wozde, and ſure
and perfect eſtabliſhing of
the ſame in all parts of his
Realmes and dominions,
acco:ding to his Highneſſe
godly will, great care and
zealous endeuour, ſo many
yeares already ſpent, and

that most earnestly toward the setting forth of thy glorie. Lengthe and prolong his happy daies, graunt vnto him, a long quyet, and prosperous reign, many yeares to indure & continue, euen for thy truethes sake.

Blesse his Grace with the heauenly influences of thy Grace and holy spirit, and euermore preserue and keepe him from all his enimies.

This

to please God.

This (O Lord) wee beseech thee graunt, for the loue of thy son Christ Iesus, Amen.

A godly Prayer for Byshops and ministers of the word of God.

I Inflame and enure the hearts, mindes and liues of all Byshops, Pastors, Ministers, and professors of thy holye worde, with perfect Loue, and feruent

zeale and affection toward the setting forth of thy glorious Gospell.

Giue them O Lorde, aboundance of learning effectually to serch and finde out the hidden secrets and mysteries contained in the Scriptures and Letters, containing and comprehending thy holye Worde, Gospell, and trueth, written by the blessed Apostles Euangelists & Prophets, and left to them by Christ him-

selfe, declaring hys old and new Testament, first written by the finger of Gods owne hande, as true and certaine testimonies of his great loue and fauour towards vs and of his wonderfull workes and myracles wrought in the creation, redemption, and saluation of all vs wretched and sinfull People: Lorde giue vs grace to be thankfull.

Let thy heauenly grace

O Lord God cast out her bright beames of godlines into their harts, and grant them true vnderstanding, and perfect knowledge, so that they may rightlie interpret, set forth and declare thy holy Scriptures, to the edifying of weake, simple, and vnlearned people, and that each one in his degree and calling, may be painfull Pastors and diligent shepheardes over the flocke committed to them.

Lord

to pleaſe God
Lord let their Doctrine &
lines agree in all vertuous
and godly conuerſation.
Grant that the diligent
trauels and carefull ouer=
ſights of all Byſhops and
cheefe Paſtors bee exam=
ples to inferior Miniſters,
whereby they may bee ap=
proued faithfull members
of thy glorious and moſt
precious word, and that of
all parts the people may be
truly taught: ſin abolished,
Idolatry rooted out, Anti=

christ ouerthrowen, Sathan trodden downe hel may be conquered, the gospel may flourish and righteousnes may shine: that God may haue due praise, Thankes and glorie, for euermore, Amen.

to pleaſe God.

A Godly Prayer for loue and obedience.

ALmightie God, of thy manifold great mercies, vouchſafe to poure into the hearts of all thy People, earneſt loue and true affection towards thy moſt holy Goſpell, make them diligent and willing hearers of thy worde, and obedient followers and performers of thy heauenly will and plea-

ſare in all their liues to the ſetting forth of thy glorye, and the attainment of the onely true Saluation of their ſoules.

Eſtabliſh alſo in theyr hearts, true ſubiection vnto our moſt vertuous King, faithfull obedience toward his lawes, and iuſt dealing one with another, that ſo all the whol nation of this Engliſh Flocke or Countrey, may agree and conſēt to and in one vnity and a=

gree-

greement of one perfect religion and doctrine, vtterly reiecting all sects, schismes, and erroneous Opinions whatsoeuer.

Lord thou hast promised by the holie Prophets, that thou wilt giue to thy people a new heart, that thou wilt deliuer to them a new Spirite, that thou wilt take away their stony hearts, and giue vnto them hearts of flesh, that so they may walke in thy precepts

that

that they may keepe thy iudgements and perfo3me them: that they shal be thy people, and thou wilte bee their God, O Lo3d let it so come to passe fo3 thine only names sake, to whom bee all hono3 and Glo3y, both no3w and fo3 euermo3e, A= men.

A

to pleafe God.

A Prayer for the Church, for daily encreafe of Gods holy word.

LEt thy holye worde, O Lord daily increafe: let thy true church triumphe, and thyne infallible truth florifh: let vs forfake our old blindnes and ignorãce and cleaue onely vnto thee. In thee, O Sauiour, refteth our hope and confidẽce Giue vs grace therefore to re

reioice onely in thy trueth and holy worde, which testifieth thy great mercy towards vs. Giue vnto vs one heart, one mouth, and one spirite and that of one truth, by and through the which wee may rightly agree in all things that may please thee. Lord let vs perseuer in the same, and we shall be saued. Confirm and strengthen our heartes in faith. Grant likewise, that we being iustified by faith

may

to please God
may haue peace with God,
thorough our Lord Iesus
Christ, to whom with the
father and the holy Ghost,
be all praise, honour, and
glorie, both now and euer-
more, Amen.

A fruit full Prayer, that God of his mercie would stop the mouthes of all the wicked that rise vp against his trueth.

STop and shut vp O Lord the mouths of al papists Anabaptists, sectaries, and schismatickes, thorough whose erroneous and superstitious Doctrines, the people haue beene, and yet are daily blinded in ignorance

rance, and the Glorious light of thy holye Gospell dimmed, and almost vtterly extinguished, if of thy mercy thou haddest not in time turned thy wrath away from vs, restoring vs to thy louing and fauourable countenance againe, sent vs a most godlye and gracious prince, by whom thy vndoubted true church hath beene edified, and thy true and sincere Doctrine restored amongst vs: God

make vs to shew our selues
thankfull therefore.

Plant in thy Church godly ministers, and painfull preachers, which are able by true and sound doctrine to stir vp thy people to the loue of thee, and thy most holy word: Such as are the true salt of the erth Mat. 5, 13. And such as are the light of the world, who hold forth the true Gospel of Christ to all the worlde. Let them O Lord bee true

ſhers of men, by whome
we may be won vnto thee
& brought to thy folde. By
whom we may be careful=
ly and truly taught our du
ties towardes thee in this
worlde, that after this life
we may remaine and dwel
with thee in thy heauenly
kingdome, thorough our
Lorde and onely Sauiour
Jeſus Chriſt, Amen.

Godly prayers to our heauenly father for continuall grace and assistance, to auoide the temptations of the world, the deuil and flesh our monstrous enemies.

GRant vs, O heauenlie father, our humble petitions, which we thy sinfull creatures desire of thee and vouchsafe of thy great mercie to send thy holy spirite,

rit into our hartes, which may gouerne, direct & lead vs into al good things, and defend vs from al manner of temptations

Lord for thy manifolde mercies, let thy heauenlie grace alwaies remain with vs. Let thy truth be euermore with vs, and make vs conſtant in the ſame, þ we neuer be affraid of any thing that lieth in man ouer our bodies, confeſſing that if thou be with vs in

grace and truth man can-
not preuaile against thee.
Encrease faith loue, cha-
rity, and fear of thee in the
hearts of all people. Let
not the desires of the world
draw vs from thee through
the frailty of the Flesh,
which causeth our daylie
fall from thee, whereby Sa-
than doth ouerthrow and
triumph ouer vs, who by
all meanes seeks our vtter
confusion both of body and
soule.

De-

to pleaſe God.

Defend vs from all temptations of the worlde, the flesh, and the deuill, leaſt we fall into them: for to ſuch as follow the world, and flie from thee, followe their owne deſtruction in this mortall life, and euerlaſting damnation in the world to come.

O mercifull God of thy goodnes and louing kindneſſe ſtrengthen vs: be fauourable vnto vs, and alſo bleſſe vs. Let thy holy ſpi-

rite

vite bee with vs for euer-
more, and that by the ope-
ration of thy grace in vs,
wee may serue thee in all
humblenesse and obediẽce
due to thy glorious maie-
sty and that we may with
all our harts acknowledge
thee to bee the true Messi-
as, the offered Lamb, euen
our Saviour and Redee-
mer Christ Jesus, through
whose death and merits al
people shall receiue salua-
tion, and thorough whose

to pleaſe God
mediation, the wrathe of our heauenly Father, for our iniquities is appeaſed Before whō as our chiefe and high iudge, wee ſhall riſe to iudgement: who as the moſt high ſteward will call vs to account of our trauels in this our pilgrimage, & render euery one their iuſt reward, eyther with puniſhment or mercy. Receiue vs, O Lorde, into thy mercifull tuition and protection, and be our con=

continuall Gouernour in the whole race of this our life. Be thou also our defender, and grant vnto vs thy countenance, make vs strong against all temptations.

Weaken the strength of our great enemy Sathan. Let not him and his ministers haue power ouer vs, for that hee is but thy bondslaue, whose power cannot preuail against vs without thy sufferance: &

whole

to please God.
whose snares can take no hold vpon vs if thou direct our steps Wherefore euen for thy mercie sake, vouchsafe to consider our weakenes, and grant that wee may do al things to please thee, and finde fauour at thy hands, who alone art our defender against Sathan and al his sleightes. To whom be al praise, honor, and glory for euer and euer, Amen.

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